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- 1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to local government; establishing Metrodome Task Force.
- 1.3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.4 Section 1. METRODOME TASK FORCE.
- 1.5 Subdivision 1. Creation. The Metrodome Task Force is established for the purpose
1.6 described in subdivision 2. The task force consists of:
- 1.7 (1) the chair of the Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission;
1.8 (2) two members of the house of representatives, one from the majority party and
1.9 one from the minority party, appointed by the speaker of the house;
- 1.10 (3) two members of the senate, one from the majority party and one from the
1.11 minority party, appointed by the Subcommittee on Committees of the Rules and
1.12 Administration Committee;
- 1.13 (4) one representative of the Minnesota State High School League, appointed by
1.14 the league;
- 1.15 (5) one representative of the University of Minnesota, appointed by the Board of
1.16 Regents;
- 1.17 (6) one representative of the Upper Midwest Athletic Conference, appointed by
1.18 the conference;
- 1.19 (7) one representative of the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference,
1.20 appointed by the conference;
- 1.21 (8) one representative of Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, appointed by
1.22 the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities;
- 1.23 (9) one representative of the Minnesota Distance Running Association, appointed
1.24 by the association;

2.1 (10) one representative of amateur football, selected by the chair of the Metropolitan
2.2 Sports Facilities Commission from an organization that has sponsored amateur football
2.3 games at the Metrodome in the past three years and that is not represented in clauses
2.4 (4) to (8); and

2.5 (11) one representative of amateur baseball, selected by the chair of the Metropolitan
2.6 Sports Facilities Commission from an organization that has sponsored amateur baseball
2.7 games at the Metrodome in the past three years and that is not represented in clauses
2.8 (4) to (8).

2.9 Subd. 2. **Duties.** The legislature finds that it is in the public interest to maintain
2.10 the Metrodome, as defined under Minnesota Statutes, section 473.551, subdivision 9, as
2.11 "Minnesota's playground" in the event that a contract with a National Football League
2.12 professional football team is not entered into after the end of the current team's 2011
2.13 playing season. The task force shall address the issue of how to keep the Metrodome as a
2.14 public use facility in the event there is no professional football team as a tenant. The task
2.15 force shall examine ways for the Metrodome to become a self-funded public use facility,
2.16 including, but not limited to, changes in use, fees, ownership, or management. The task
2.17 force shall recommend user fees for the Metrodome. If the task force determines that the
2.18 Metrodome could not be self-funded if maintained as a public use facility, the task force
2.19 shall recommend sources of funding to supplement Metrodome revenues. By January 15,
2.20 2013, the task force must submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of
2.21 the legislative committees with jurisdiction over local government operations.

2.22 Subd. 3. **Administration.** (a) The chair of the Metropolitan Sports Facilities
2.23 Commission must convene the initial meeting of the task force by September 15, 2011.
2.24 The members of the task force must elect a chair or cochairs from the members at the
2.25 initial meeting.

2.26 (b) Members of the task force serve without compensation or payment of expenses.

2.27 (c) The task force expires January 15, 2013, or upon submission of the report
2.28 required under subdivision 2, whichever is earlier.

2.29 Subd. 4. **Deadline for appointments.** The appointments under subdivision 1 must
2.30 be completed by August 15, 2011.

2.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.